

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action issued December 31, 2009 and the Advisory Action mailed March 11, 2010.

The Office Action

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by newly cited reference referred to by the Office as Thakor. Claim 20 is cancelled by this amendment solely for the purpose of advancing prosecution and to expedite the allowance of this case, and for no other reason. By cancellation of claim 20, Applicants do not concede in any way to the Examiner's rejection or to the stated reasons for the rejection. Applicants continue to not agree with the rejection and respectfully reserve the right to reintroduce all or part of the cancelled subject matter in a continuation application. Furthermore, Applicants remain entitled to the full range of equivalents under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is submitted that claims 3-5 and 7-19 and 21 distinguish patentably over the references of record and meet all statutory requirements. An early allowance of all claims is requested.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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